

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to October 25, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                      |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____    | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Drawings***

1. The drawings were received on October 25, 2006. These drawings are approved.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-9 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: This invention deals with a wire, comprising' an indicating member provided on a covering sheath of the wire, wherein the indicating member denotes an operation region; wherein the indicating member includes a first marking and a second marking which are provided at a predetermined interval along a longitudinal direction of the covering sheath, and wherein the first marking indicates an operation form (claim 1). This invention also deals with a wire connecting method of connecting a second wire, serving as a branch wire, to a predetermined position of a first wire serving as a main wire; the wire connecting method, comprising' beforehand providing a first marking and a second marking at a predetermined interval along a longitudinal direction of a covering sheath of the first wire; connecting the second wire in accordance with a connecting position indicated by the first marking, and installing the second wire in accordance with a connection form indicated by the second marking (claim 8). This invention also deals with a wire harness formed by a wire connecting method of connecting a second wire,

serving as a branch wire, to a predetermined position of a first wire serving as a main wire', wherein the wire harness is produced by the wire connecting method, comprising: beforehand providing a first marking and a second marking at a predetermined interval along a longitudinal direction of a covering sheath of the first wire, connecting the second wire in accordance with a connecting position indicated by the first marking, and installing the second wire in accordance with a connection form indicated by the second marking (claim 9). The above claimed limitations, are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments filed October 25, 2006 have been fully considered and they are persuasive. Specifically, the applicant's argument that "none of the cited prior art discloses or suggests an indicating member denotes an operation region; wherein the indicating member includes a first marking and a second marking which are provided at a predetermined interval along a longitudinal direction of the covering sheath, and wherein the first marking indicates an operation form" is persuasive and therefore the claims have been allowed.

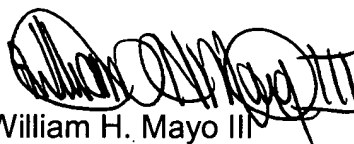
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***Communication***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Mayo III whose telephone number is (571)-272-1978. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-6:00 pm (alternate Fridays off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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REPLACEMENT SHEET

FIG. 1

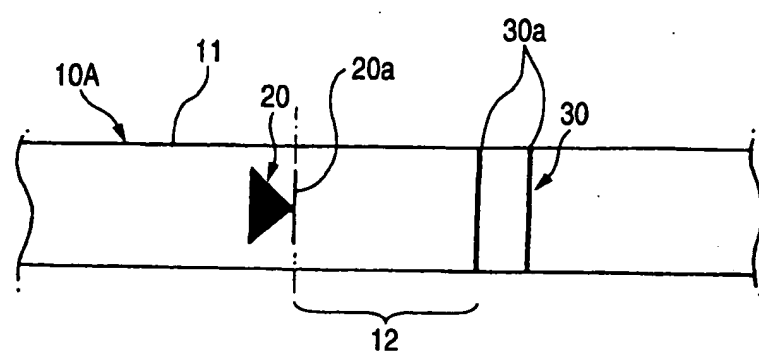


FIG. 2

